Signed Sealed Published and declared before

Cha Goldsborough
Catherine her ✗ mark Reyes
Dorothy Lowherman
Mary her ✗ mark Greenly

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.t

March the 3rd 1746 Dorothy Lowherman Catherine Reyes and mary Greenly the Subscribing Witnesses to the within will being Duly and Solemnly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God depose and Say that they saw the Testator Charles Stapleford sign the within Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request, Sworn to before

Which Oath was taken by the Said Witnesses in the Presence of Ramond Stapleford Esq.r at Law which same Ramond Stapleford did not Object to the Probate of the Said Will

Emn.d Hooper Dep.ty Com.ry of Dorchester County

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In the Name of God Amen,

the Twenty Sixth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred forty and four I John Pitt of the County of Dorchester and Province of Maryland (Mariner) being in Perfect Sence and memory thanks be given to God for the same do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament which is in manner and form following (Viz.t) first I give my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the Merits death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to receive Pardon and remission of all my Past Sins and Offences and to inherit Eternal Life and my Body I desire to be buried in a Christian Manner by my Executor hereafter nam'd and as to my worldly Estate I give and dispose of in the following manner Viz.t

Imp.s I give and Bequeath unto my Son Roger Pitt my now dwelling plantation and all the Land belonging thereto lying on the West side of Pitts branch formerly called Nichs branch as also Part of another Tract of Land joining thereto called refuge lying on the same side of the aforesaid Branch towards the head thereof as also another Parcel of Land Joyning thereto on the same side of the said branch called

called Pitts endeavor; as also another Parcel of Land lying on the Southermost side of the Plantation about Twenty Acres that did formerly belong to Mr Jno Shaff which I bought of William Emals as by Deed recorded will appear all which Lands I give to my said Son Roger and the Heirs of his body lawfully Begotten for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Pitt all that Land on the East side of the afor.d Branch called Addition Composition containing 69 Patent 80 Acres as also another tract of Swamp Joyning thereto called Pitts Swamp containing 69 Patent 30 Acres all which Lands I give to my said Son Thomas and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Son William Pitt all the remaining Parts of the three Parcels of Land called Pitts desire Refuge and Pitts inclosure that lyeth on the East side of the aforesaid Pitts branch, standing in the said Land given to William from the Lands given to the said Roger by a line drawn from the head of the aforesaid Pitts branch No.t 56 to 80 as the said Land extends and by the Run of the said Branch down so far southerly as the said Lands extends all which Lands I give to my Son William and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Phillip Pitt a Parcel of Land lying on the North side of Hunting Creek containing one hundred and fifty acres being the one Moyety of a tract of Land called the Plains to him the said Phillip and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Pitt one bed and furniture (and she to have her choice) one oval Table of Walnut two Pewter Dishes one Iron Pot five Pewter Plates one Horse or Mare two Cows and Calves four Sheep and one Body Slave called Isaac more than the filial Part.

Item. It is my Will and desire that after all my Just Debts and legacys and funeral Expenses are discharg'd and Paid that all the remaining Part of my Estate shall be equally devided among all my Children both Male and Female.

Lastly I nominate and Appoint my Son Roger Pitt my Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal this Thirty first Day of January Anno Domini one thousand seven Hundred forty five.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said John Pitt to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us

John Pitt (Seal)

H. Emals
Tho. Airey
Henry Hayward
Henry Hayward Jun.r

At the foot of the foregoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

March the 12th 1745 Henry Emalls Thomas Airey & Henry Hayward the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing